COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

INCIDENT: **Use of Force, Category 3, Skeletal Fracture**

IAB FILE NUMBER: **FO 2458949**

URN: **918-04621-0375-263**

DATE/TIME: **June 14, 2018, Thursday, 1441 hours**

LOCATION: [redacted] **West 110th Street, Los Angeles**

SYNOPSIS

On June 14, 2018, at approximately 1235 hours, South Los Angeles Station desk personnel received a telephone call from [redacted] (Ms. [redacted]), a case worker from [redacted], a nonprofit social service agency. Ms. [redacted] notified the South Los Angeles Station dispatcher she and her case manager, [redacted] (Mr. [redacted]), were at [redacted] West 110th Street, and needed deputies' help regarding psychiatric patient, Hassan Jaafar (Suspect Jaafar). Ms. [redacted] said Suspect Jaafar was a schizophrenic patient, who made recent threats to hurt people. A call was generated and dispatched to field units as incident #SLA18165-0110 (tag #110) **[Exhibit A]**, and assigned to Deputies Jonathan Torres and [redacted]. Deputies Jorge Ortiz, Daniel Smith, and Sergeant Mitchell Jones, were added as the assisting units.

When the deputies arrived at the location, Ms. [redacted] informed them she and Mr. [redacted] came to the location to check on the welfare of Suspect Jaafar, and to offer him psychiatric help, if needed. Suspect Jaafar was extremely upset with them and threatened to assault them with some type of stick or rod, which he held in his hand.

The deputies requested a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Mental Evaluation Team (MET) unit respond to assist in contacting Suspect Jaafar. The MET deputy acknowledged the request and began to respond to the location.

While the deputies were waiting for the arrival of Deputy Pena, they were contacted by a neighbor, [redacted] (Ms. [redacted]), who identified Suspect Jaafar as a vandalism suspect. On May 31, 2018, Ms. Briley witnessed Suspect Jaafar break all the windows to her vehicle, which was parked on their shared property. Ms. [redacted] provided Deputy Torres photographs of the damage, which depicted Suspect Jaafar standing near her vehicle at the time of the vandalism. For additional information see Incident Report #918-04621-0375-110, **[Exhibit B]**.

When Deputy Pena arrived, Sergeant Jones briefed him on the situation and his intention to detain Suspect Jaafar for a possible mental evaluation detention (5150(a) Welfare and Institutions Code), and for committing the vandalism. Deputy Pena began to speak with Suspect Jaafar, who stood on the front steps to his home. Suspect Jaafar told Deputy Pena he was upset with the case workers and deputies for being there. Suspect Jaafar ended his conversation with Deputy Pena and walked back into his house.

IAB Note: **The definition of Welfare and Institutions Code 5150(a) reads as follows: When a person, as a result of a mental health disorder, is a danger to others, or to himself or herself, or gravely disabled, a peace officer, professional person in charge of a facility designated by the county for evaluation and treatment, a member of the attending staff of a facility designated by the county for evaluation and treatment, designated members of a mobile crisis team, or professional persons designated by the county may, upon probable cause, take, or cause to be taken, the person into custody for a period of up to seventy two hours for assessment, evaluation, and crisis intervention, or placement for evaluation and treatment in a facility.**

Sergeant Jones prepared his deputies with a plan to detain Suspect Jaafar. Because Suspect Jaafar was angry at their presence, Sergeant Jones assigned deputies duties, such as an arrest team, and less lethal and lethal force options.

Since Deputy Pena was unable to successfully speak to Suspect Jaafar and gain his cooperation to voluntarily submit himself to a mental evaluation detention, Sergeant Jones and his deputies re-contacted Suspect Jaafar at his front door. Sergeant Jones video recorded their interaction. Sergeant Jones and the deputies attempted to speak to Suspect Jaafar, who was still angry and speaking incoherently. Sergeant Jones repeatedly asked Suspect Jaafar to cooperate and place his hands behind his back. At one point, Suspect Jaafar turned around and walked back into his house.

Sergeant Jones directed the deputies to enter the house and detain Suspect Jaafar. Once the deputies entered the house, Suspect Jaafar picked up a wooden stick off of the floor, and held it in his right hand. Deputy Ortiz was one of the first deputies to enter. He quickly grabbed a hold of Suspect Jaafar's arms to keep him from using the stick as a weapon against them. Suspect Jaafar pulled away from Deputy Ortiz's grasp and moved into a bedroom. Once they were in the bedroom, the rest of the deputies were able to surround Suspect Jaafar and he was taken down to the floor. Suspect Jaafar was rolled onto his stomach, and began to kick his legs and pull away from the deputies. Suspect Jaafar was eventually handcuffed and a hobble device was placed around his ankles. The deputies reported the force they used and witnessed to Sergeant Jones, who video recorded the takedown and arrest.

The deputies requested fire department personnel to respond to the location to check Suspect Jaafar for possible injuries. Suspect Jaafar complained of pain to his right wrist. He was transported by an ambulance to Harbor UCLA Medical Center to be evaluated.

Sergeant Jones and South Los Angeles Station Watch Commander Lieutenant Alise Norman began a use of force investigation. During the watch commander interview, Suspect Jaafar continued to complain of pain to his right wrist and to the right side of his ribcage.

Suspect Jaafar's medical evaluation discovered he had a contusion to his right ribcage, and a fracture to the right distal ulnar (wrist). See medical reports for further information, **[Exhibit C]**.

That same afternoon, June 14, 2018, when IAB investigators arrived at the South Los Angeles Station, they contacted Lieutenant Norman. She provided IAB investigators copies of all reports, which included the incident report, all involved employees' supplemental reports **[Exhibit B]**, and medical reports, **[Exhibit C]**. Lieutenant Norman also provided three compact discs containing digital images, video recordings, and audio recordings of the 911 call to the station and the radio traffic, **[Exhibit D]**.

IAB Note: When IAB investigators reviewed the compact disc containing the radio traffic Lieutenant Norman provided, it was discovered it only contained the radio traffic when Sergeant Jones requested fire department personnel to respond to the location, after the use of force. IAB investigators requested a copy from the Sheriff's Communication Center (SCC) of a more extensive time period, encompassing the time when the call was dispatched to the field units until the time when patrol units were leaving the scene, [Exhibit E].

<u>VIDEO REVIEW</u>

The following is a review of the video footage Sergeant Jones recorded **[Exhibit D/Video/UOF]**:

00:00	Suspect Jaafar is standing on the threshold to the front door of his house, only wearing a bath towel around his waist.
00:01	Deputy Ortiz is standing to the left of the front door, outside the house. Sergeant Jones is heard asking Suspect Jaafar questions.
00:06	Suspect Jaafar is yelling and cursing.
00:21	Sergeant Jones is heard asking Suspect Jaafar to come with them. Suspect Jaafar refused and yelled they needed to enter his house to handcuff him.
00:30	Suspect Jaafar reached to close the front door security gate and said he

needed to pray.

00:33 Suspect Jaafar stepped into his house and says, "Come in here." Several deputies enter through the front door.

00:36 A sound of a wooden stick can be heard, possibly hitting the wooden floors.

00:37 Uniformed deputies can be seen entering the bedroom, north of the living room.

00:40 Uniformed deputies can be seen standing toward the north wall of the bedroom. Suspect Jaafar continued to yell he needs to pray.

00:41 Deputy Ortiz can be seen pulling Suspect Jaafar backwards, toward the floor.

00:44 Deputy Ortiz is on his back, with Suspect Jaafar on top of him, face to face.

01:02 Suspect Jaafar is lying flat on his back with arms stretched outward.

01:11 Deputy Ortiz is holding onto Suspect Jaafar's right arm, holding it against the floor. Deputies Smith and Torres are holding onto Suspect Jaafar's left arm. The left wrist is handcuffed.

01:19 Suspect Jaafar is rolled toward his right side and onto his stomach. Deputy [redacted] is near Suspect Jaafar's legs.

01:38 Both of Suspect Jaafar's wrists are handcuffed behind his back.

02:01 Sergeant Jones walked away with the camera and into the living room to ask SCC to dispatch the fire department to respond to the house, via his portable radio.

02:51 Partial view of Deputy Smith placing pants on Suspect Jaafar while he is still lying on his stomach.

03:53 Partial view of Deputy Smith placing a hobble restraint around Suspect Jaafar's ankles.

03:54 Suspect Jaafar beings to complain that something is too tight and says, "You're hurting me."

04:03 Partial view of Deputy Torres manipulating the handcuffs with a handcuff key, appearing to loosen them.

04:10 A deputy is heard telling Suspect Jaafar they are trying to loosen the handcuffs.

05:04 Deputies Torres, Ortiz, [redacted], and Smith pick Suspect Jaafar off of the floor and carry him into the living room.

05:07 Suspect Jaafar is placed on the living room floor, face down.

05:45 Deputies Torres and [redacted] roll Suspect Jaafar onto his right side. Deputy [redacted] begins to button the front of Suspect Jaafar's pants.

06:12 Deputy Torres assisted Suspect Jaafar to sit up, on the floor.

13:14 A deputy is heard asking Suspect Jaafar why he did not drop the stick when they were in the room. Suspect Jaafar responds that they did not give him enough room.

16:58 A member of the fire department appears to walk into living room.

17:21 Two members of the fire department and an unknown deputy pick Suspect Jaafar up off the floor and walk him outside.

17:31 Suspect Jaafar is placed on a gurney, outside his front door. Other

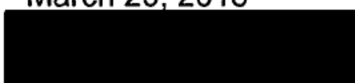
personnel from the fire department and ambulance services are seen standing around the gurney.

18:53 Deputy Torres removed Suspect Jaafar's left handcuff.
19:44 Deputy Torres removed Suspect Jaafar's right handcuff.
20:18 Video ends.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE AND WORK HISTORY

Jonathan R. Torres, Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]
Central Patrol Division
South Los Angeles Station

Date of Employment: October 29, 2015
Date Assigned to Patrol, South Los Angeles Station: March 25, 2018
Date Completed Patrol Training: [redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incidents:



Equipment Worn On Person
Deputy Torres was wearing a Class "A" uniform with a gun belt, equipped with the following: Duty weapon and two (2) additional magazines, radio, OC spray, expandable baton, Taser in a holster, and two (2) handcuffs. Deputy Torres kept a knife, and a hobble restraint in his pants' sap pockets.

[redacted], Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]
[redacted]

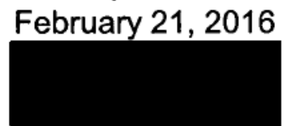
Date of Employment: [redacted]
Date Assigned to Patrol, South Los Angeles Station:
Date Completed Patrol Training:
Prior Founded Force Incidents:



Equipment Worn On Person
Deputy [redacted] was wearing a Class "A" uniform with a gun belt, equipped with the following: Duty weapon with two (2) additional magazines, radio, OC spray, expandable baton, two (2) handcuffs, and a knife. Deputy [redacted] had a flashlight in one of his pants' sap pockets.

Jorge Ortiz, Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]
Central Patrol Division
South Los Angeles Station

Date of Employment: June 3, 2010
Date Assigned to Patrol, South Los Angeles Station: February 21, 2016
Date Completed Patrol Training: [redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incidents:



Equipment Worn On Person
Deputy Ortiz was wearing a Class "A" uniform with a gun belt, equipped with the following: Duty weapon with two (2) additional magazines, radio, OC spray, expandable baton, two (2) handcuffs, and a knife. Deputy Ortiz had a flashlight in one of his pants' sap pockets.

Daniel M. Smith, Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]
Central Patrol Division
South Los Angeles Station

Date of Employment:	June 27, 2007
Date Assigned to Patrol, South Los Angeles Station:	June 7, 2015
Date Completed Patrol Training:	[redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incidents:	

Equipment Worn On Person
Deputy Smith was wearing a Class "A" uniform with a gun belt, equipped with the following: Duty weapon with two (2) additional magazines, radio, OC spray, expandable baton, two (2) handcuffs, and a knife. Deputy Smith had a flashlight in one of his pants' sap pockets.

SUSPECT INFORMATION

Hassan Jaafar
Male Other, DOB: April 1, 1964, 5'10", 175 pounds
[redacted]
CII #[redacted] MAIN #[redacted] FBI #[redacted]

A copy of Suspect Jaafar's criminal history is included as **[Exhibit F]**.

SUSPECT'S INJURIES

Suspect Jaafar sustained a fracture of the right distal ulnar and a contusion to his right rib area.

Suspect Jaafar was transported to the Harbor UCLA Medical Center and treated for his injuries by Doctor Frances Crisostomo and Doctor Stephanie Sugiarto Lauw. Suspect Jaafar was medically cleared for booking. For additional information, see Suspect Jaafar's medical records **[Exhibit C]**.

Suspect Jaafar was transported to the Inmate Reception Center where he was booked.

DEPUTY PERSONNEL INJURIES

No deputies were injured during this incident.

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

None

INVESTIGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

There were no observations viewed by the IAB investigators.

WEAPONS USED BY INVOLVED DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

None

WEAPONS USED BY SUSPECT HASSAN JAAFAR

A rounded wooden stick, approximately three feet in length.

PROPERTY DAMAGE BY SUSPECT HASSAN JAAFAR

None

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION AND CHARGES FILED

The criminal investigation was handled by South Los Angeles Station detectives. On June 18, 2018, Suspect Jaafar was charged in Inglewood Superior Court with one (1) count of Vandalism, 594(a) PC, and one (1) count of Delaying or Resisting a Peace Officer, 148(a)(1) PC. Suspect Jaafar was scheduled to appear on September 23, 2018, for a pretrial hearing.

Suspect Jaafar failed to appear for the hearing. A $15,000.00 warrant was issued for his arrest on September 23, 2018. For additional information regarding Suspect Jaafar's court minutes and warrant information, see **[Exhibit G]**.

LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

The incident occurred inside a residence during daylight hours. The living room was illuminated by sunlight from the open front door and windows. The bedroom was illuminated by both sunlight and a lamp. The weather was clear and mild.

WITNESS STATEMENTS

On January 24, 2019, IAB investigators called both Mr. [redacted] and Ms. [redacted] from the [redacted]. When IAB investigators explained their desire to interview them as potential witnesses to this use of force investigation, they both declined to be interviewed. They each cited HIPPA laws (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) which prevented them from disclosing any information about

their client. They also stated their supervisors directed them to not make any statements to law enforcement, as related to this case.

On June 14, 2018, IAB investigators contacted Suspect Jaafar's neighbors, [redacted] who resided at [redacted] Suspect Jaafar's house is to the [redacted] of their house. They both stated they did not see any of the incident as related to Suspect Jaafar.

While IAB investigators were at the scene looking for additional witnesses, [redacted] (Ms. [redacted]) arrived. She resided at [redacted]. Suspect Jaafar's house is to the [redacted] of Ms. [redacted] house. Ms. [redacted] said she did not see when the deputies contacted Suspect Jaafar. Ms. [redacted] merely provided one of the deputies with information about a vandalism to her vehicle.

IAB Note: Ms. [redacted] refused to be recorded during her interview.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE DEPUTY JONATHAN TORRES

Deputy Torres was working as Unit 32, PM shift, on June 14, 2018. Deputy [redacted] was his field training officer for that shift. Deputy Torres was assigned to respond to the location to meet a woman, identified as Ms. [redacted] tag #110.

When Deputy Torres arrived at the location, he spoke to Ms. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] who informed him they had arrived early in the day to check on Suspect Jaafar's welfare. While they spoke to Suspect Jaafar, he made threats to assault them and began to hit a window to his residence with a wooden stick. Ms. [redacted] was concerned for Suspect Jaafar's mental wellbeing, since he had been previously diagnosed with schizophrenia and had a history of violence. Ms. [redacted] believed Suspect Jaafar was a danger to himself and to others, and wanted him to be placed on a seventy-two hour mental evaluation (5150 WIC hold).

Deputies Ortiz, Smith, and Sergeant Jones arrived at the location and were briefed about the situation. Deputy Torres attempted to speak to Suspect Jaafar, who stood on the threshold to his front door. Suspect Jaafar was uncooperative and refused to step outside to be taken voluntarily to a hospital for a mental evaluation.

A MET deputy was requested to respond to the location. While waiting for the MET deputy to arrive, Deputy Torres was contacted by a female neighbor, Ms. [redacted]. She informed Deputy Torres that Suspect Jaafar had vandalized her car by breaking all the windows. Ms. [redacted] provided Deputy Torres with a photograph, depicting Suspect Jaafar standing next to her car, with the broken windows. Deputy Torres incorporated the photograph with his Incident Report **[Exhibit B]**.

MET Deputy Pena arrived at the location. Deputy Pena was briefed on the situation and was asked to speak to Suspect Jaafar. Deputy Pena spoke to Suspect Jaafar, who remained on the threshold to his front door, and at times would walk into his house, and

reemerge at the threshold. Deputy Pena was unable to affectively speak to Suspect Jaafar.

Sergeant Jones created a plan to detain Suspect Jaafar, if needed. Deputy Torres was assigned as the less lethal force option, since he had a Taser on his person. At one point, when Suspect Jaafar was standing at the front door, he turned away from the on scene deputies and walked back into his house. Deputy Torres heard Sergeant Jones direct them to enter the house to detain Suspect Jaafar. Deputy Ortiz entered the house first, while he followed behind him. Deputy Torres saw Suspect Jaafar pick up a wooden stick off the living room floor. Deputy Ortiz attempted to grab a hold of Suspect Jaafar's right hand, but Suspect Jaafar pulled away. Deputy Torres made an attempt to grab Suspect Jaafar's right hand, but he was unable to. Deputy Torres tried to control Suspect Jaafar by wrapping his right arm over Suspect Jaafar's right shoulder, but with their combined momentum, Deputy Ortiz, and Suspect Jaafar moved into the bedroom.

While they were in the bedroom, somehow they all fell to the floor. He recalled Deputy Ortiz fell backwards onto his back, while Suspect Jaafar landed on top of him (Deputy Ortiz) and Deputy Torres landed on top of Suspect Jaafar. Deputy Torres quickly transitioned to allow Deputy Ortiz to get out from underneath Suspect Jaafar and placed Suspect Jaafar on the floor by rolling him onto his back.

Deputy Torres controlled Suspect Jaafar's right arm, and rolled him onto his stomach to prepare to handcuff each wrist. Deputy Smith handcuffed the left wrist and together, they handcuffed Suspect Jaafar's right wrist behind his back. They used little effort to handcuff Suspect Jaafar. Suspect Jaafar was naked at this point. Initially, Suspect Jaafar was merely wearing a bath towel around his waist, and during the struggle, it came off. Deputy Torres assisted in placing a pair of pants onto Suspect Jaafar.

After Suspect Jaafar was handcuffed, Deputy Torres remembered Suspect Jaafar complained the handcuffs were too tight. He immediately loosened one or both of the handcuffs. When IAB investigators asked Deputy Torres if Suspect Jaafar complained of any other pain, besides the handcuffs being too tight, he said he could not recall.

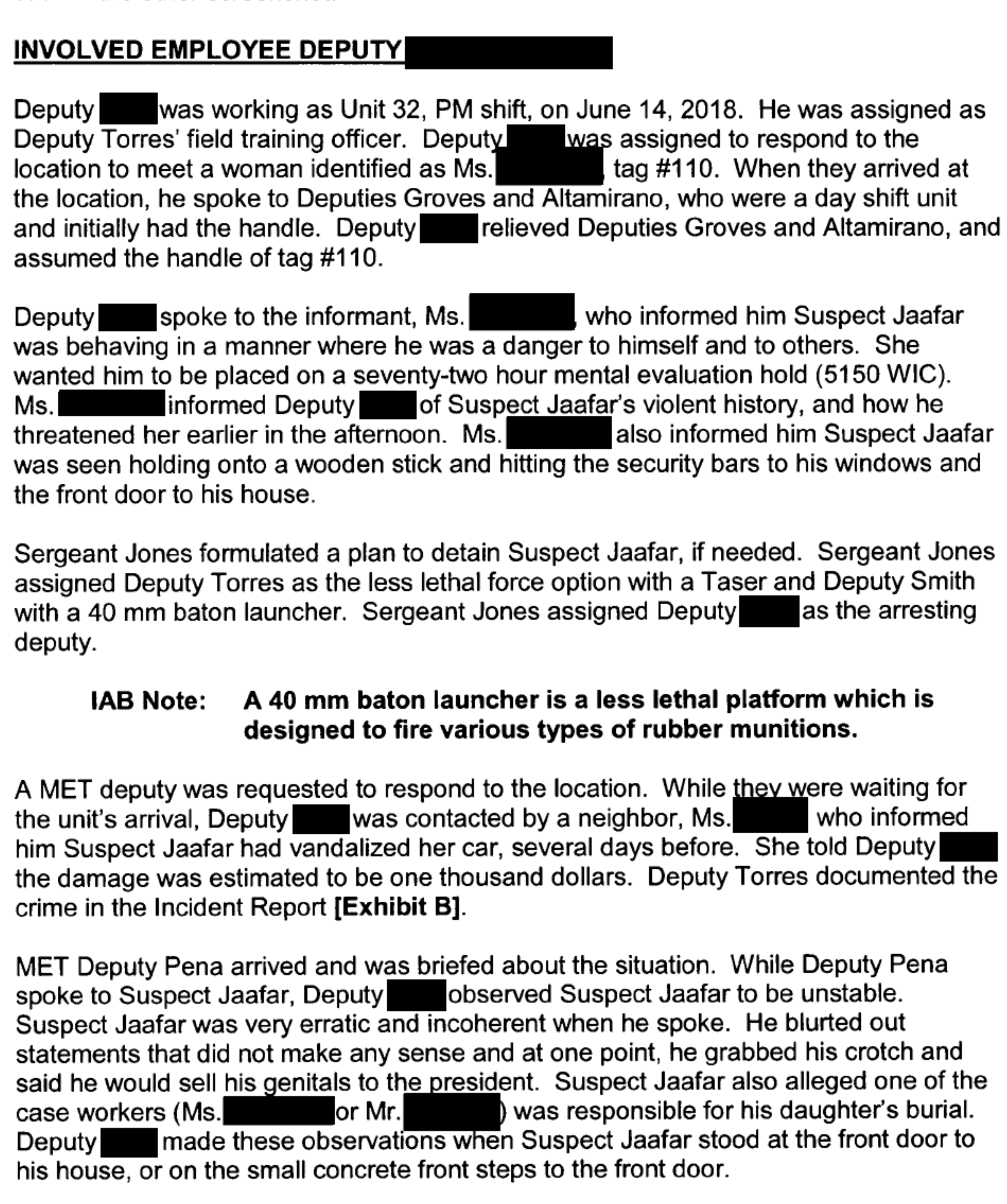
When IAB investigators asked Deputy Torres what he felt when he saw Suspect Jaafar pick up the stick in the living room, he said he was afraid it would be used as a weapon against him or his partners. Deputy Torres recalled how Ms. [redacted] had previously described when Suspect Jaafar threatened to assault her with the stick earlier that day, and how she described Suspect Jaafar having a violent history.

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IAB investigators showed Deputy Torres a video of the arrest of Suspect Jaafar, **[Exhibit D/Video/UOF]**. After he viewed the video, Deputy Torres stated after Suspect Jaafar was handcuffed and placed onto his stomach, he squatted to the right side of Suspect Jaafar's torso. He did not place his knee onto Suspect Jaafar's back as a

method to control his movements. His knee was merely hovering over Suspect Jaafar's back while he squatted.

Two screenshots of the video were used during Deputy Torres' interview **[Exhibit H]**. Deputy Torres identified himself in one of the screenshots, and he identified the wooden stick in the other screenshot.



<u>INVOLVED EMPLOYEE DEPUTY</u> [redacted]

Deputy [redacted] was working as Unit 32, PM shift, on June 14, 2018. He was assigned as Deputy Torres' field training officer. Deputy [redacted] was assigned to respond to the location to meet a woman identified as Ms. [redacted], tag #110. When they arrived at the location, he spoke to Deputies Groves and Altamirano, who were a day shift unit and initially had the handle. Deputy [redacted] relieved Deputies Groves and Altamirano, and assumed the handle of tag #110.

Deputy [redacted] spoke to the informant, Ms. [redacted], who informed him Suspect Jaafar was behaving in a manner where he was a danger to himself and to others. She wanted him to be placed on a seventy-two hour mental evaluation hold (5150 WIC). Ms. [redacted] informed Deputy [redacted] of Suspect Jaafar's violent history, and how he threatened her earlier in the afternoon. Ms. [redacted] also informed him Suspect Jaafar was seen holding onto a wooden stick and hitting the security bars to his windows and the front door to his house.

Sergeant Jones formulated a plan to detain Suspect Jaafar, if needed. Sergeant Jones assigned Deputy Torres as the less lethal force option with a Taser and Deputy Smith with a 40 mm baton launcher. Sergeant Jones assigned Deputy [redacted] as the arresting deputy.

> **IAB Note: A 40 mm baton launcher is a less lethal platform which is designed to fire various types of rubber munitions.**

A MET deputy was requested to respond to the location. While they were waiting for the unit's arrival, Deputy [redacted] was contacted by a neighbor, Ms. [redacted] who informed him Suspect Jaafar had vandalized her car, several days before. She told Deputy [redacted] the damage was estimated to be one thousand dollars. Deputy Torres documented the crime in the Incident Report **[Exhibit B]**.

MET Deputy Pena arrived and was briefed about the situation. While Deputy Pena spoke to Suspect Jaafar, Deputy [redacted] observed Suspect Jaafar to be unstable. Suspect Jaafar was very erratic and incoherent when he spoke. He blurted out statements that did not make any sense and at one point, he grabbed his crotch and said he would sell his genitals to the president. Suspect Jaafar also alleged one of the case workers (Ms. [redacted] or Mr. [redacted]) was responsible for his daughter's burial. Deputy [redacted] made these observations when Suspect Jaafar stood at the front door to his house, or on the small concrete front steps to the front door.

Deputy [redacted] and his fellow deputies stood approximately ten feet away from Suspect Jaafar's front door. From this advantage, Deputy [redacted] was able to look into the living room and saw two wooden sticks on the floor. These sticks matched the description Ms. [redacted] had described to him when she saw Suspect Jaafar holding them in his hands and hitting the front door and windows to his house.

Deputy Pena was unable to effectively communicate with Suspect Jaafar, nor gain his cooperation to surrender on his own. Deputy [redacted] heard Suspect Jaafar say they (deputy personnel) would have to enter his house and fight with him in order to detain him.

When IAB investigators asked Deputy [redacted] if he and his partners eventually entered the house, he said they did. Deputy [redacted] saw Suspect Jaafar, who was standing in the threshold of the front door, turn away from them and run towards the wooden sticks on the living room floor. It was at that point, he heard Sergeant Jones direct them to enter the house to detain Suspect Jaafar.

Deputy Ortiz entered first, while Deputy [redacted] followed. Deputies Torres and Smith entered behind him. When IAB investigators asked Deputy [redacted] what he observed upon entering the living room, he said he saw Suspect Jaafar attempting to pick up the wooden sticks from the floor. Deputy [redacted] was afraid Suspect Jaafar would pick them up and use them to hurt him or his partners. They quickly closed the distance between them and Suspect Jaafar, and saw Deputy Ortiz grab Suspect Jaafar's left arm while Deputy Torres grabbed the right arm. Deputy [redacted] attempted to grab Suspect Jaafar's torso.

Suspect Jaafar resisted their efforts to control him by lunging his body from side to side, causing them to be pulled into the nearby bedroom. While they were in the bedroom, their combined body weight pulled Suspect Jaafar down to the floor. Deputy [redacted] recalled seeing Deputy Ortiz fall onto his back, on the floor, while Suspect Jaafar fell on top of him (Deputy Ortiz). While both Deputy Ortiz and Suspect Jaafar were on the floor, they were facing each other. Deputy [redacted] assisted and rolled Suspect Jaafar to his right, off of Deputy Ortiz, where he (Suspect Jaafar) laid himself onto his back.

Deputy [redacted] believed Deputy Ortiz grabbed a hold of Suspect Jaafar's right arm and Deputy Torres grabbed the left arm. Deputy [redacted] saw Suspect Jaafar begin to kick his legs. Once Deputy [redacted] grabbed a hold of the legs, he felt Suspect Jaafar tense his legs and kick in order to break away from his grasp. Deputy [redacted] wrapped his arms around his legs and used his body weight to prevent him from breaking away from his control.

Deputy [redacted] looked over toward his partners and saw Deputies Ortiz and Torres were having a little difficulty handcuffing Suspect Jaafar. Deputy [redacted] believed he reached over and grabbed a hold of Suspect Jaafar's right wrist, so it could be handcuffed. Deputy [redacted] believed Deputy Smith applied the hobble around Suspect Jaafar's ankles.

When IAB investigators asked Deputy [redacted] if Suspect Jaafar ever complained of pain, he said once Suspect Jaafar was handcuffed and hobbled, he began to complain of pain to his left wrist. Deputy Torres immediately loosened the handcuff. Suspect Jaafar did not make any additional complaints of pain once the handcuff was loosened.

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IAB investigators showed Deputy [redacted] a video of the arrest of Suspect Jaafar **[Exhibit D/Video/UOF]**. After he viewed the video, Deputy [redacted] added he placed the shin portion of his leg onto Suspect Jaafar's legs, in order to maintain control of them, while he assisted in the handcuffing.

Two screenshots of the video were used during Deputy [redacted]s interview **[Exhibit I]**. Deputy [redacted] identified the wooden sticks, depicted in the screenshots, Suspect Jaafar attempted to pick up.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE DEPUTY JORGE ORTIZ

Deputy Ortiz was working as Unit 32B, PM shift, on June 14, 2018. Deputy Smith was his partner. Deputy Ortiz was assigned to respond to the location regarding tag #110. When they arrived, he was contacted by the handling unit, Deputies Torres and [redacted]. They informed him they were waiting for a MET deputy to arrive in order to evaluate Suspect Jaafar for a potential psychiatric hold. Deputy Ortiz was also informed Suspect Jaafar vandalized a neighbor's vehicle and was a suspect to that crime.

While Deputy Ortiz and his fellow partners were standing outside, near the front of Suspect Jaafar's house, Deputy Ortiz heard Suspect Jaafar threaten to beat two caseworkers (Ms. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted]) with a wooden stick. Suspect Jaafar was also making incoherent statements and continued to yell and curse at them while standing on the front steps to his house.

Sergeant Jones was the supervisor on scene. In the event Suspect Jaafar was to be taking into custody, Sergeant Jones formulated an arrest team, and assigned deputies with less lethal and lethal force options. Sergeant Jones assigned him to be part of the arrest team.

MET Deputy Pena arrived and began to speak to Suspect Jaafar; however, Deputy Pena was unable gain his cooperation to be peacefully detained. Suspect Jaafar yelled at them and said something to the effect that they would have to enter his house and fight him. When Suspect Jaafar turned and walked back into his house, Sergeant Jones directed the deputies to enter the house to detain him.

Deputy Ortiz entered the living room and saw Suspect Jaafar bend down to pick up one of two wooden sticks off of the floor. He described these wooden sticks to be

approximately three feet long, appearing to be broomsticks. Deputy Ortiz saw Suspect Jaafar pick up one of the sticks with his right hand. Deputy Ortiz feared Suspect Jaafar would use the stick to assault him or his partners. He quickly closed the distance and grabbed Suspect Jaafar's right hand with his left hand. Deputy Ortiz used his forward momentum and pinned Suspect Jaafar up against the wall in order to keep him from using the stick against them.

Other deputies entered the house behind Deputy Ortiz. Suspect Jaafar began pulling away from his grasp. At this point, Deputy Ortiz grabbed both of Suspect Jaafar's wrists and crossed them across his (Suspect Jaafar) chest. Suspect Jaafar pulled away and backed himself into the nearby bedroom. Deputy Ortiz continued to maintain a close hold of Suspect Jaafar to keep him from creating distance to potentially use the stick against them. When IAB investigators asked Deputy Ortiz if Suspect Jaafar was still holding onto the stick as they entered the bedroom, he said, "Yes."

Deputy Ortiz and his partners were giving Suspect Jaafar multiple verbal commands to get onto the floor and to stop fighting. Suspect Jaafar continued to pull away from his grip, trying to free himself. While Deputy Ortiz maintained a hold of Suspect Jaafar's upper torso, he saw Deputies Torres and Smith grab a hold of Suspect Jaafar's left arm. Deputy Ortiz began to pull Suspect Jaafar down to the floor, but he resisted the efforts by pulling away. Deputy Ortiz wrapped his arms around Suspect Jaafar's shoulders and upper torso and took him down to the floor. Deputy Ortiz was facing Suspect Jaafar as he took him down.

Deputy Ortiz landed on his back while Suspect Jaafar landed on top of him. Deputy Ortiz kept Suspect Jaafar close to him, to keep him from gaining an advantage. In this position, someone handcuffed Suspect Jaafar's left hand, then rolled him onto his right side. Deputies Ortiz and Smith placed Suspect Jaafar's right hand behind his back and successfully handcuff him.

When IAB investigators asked Deputy Ortiz if Suspect Jaafar ever complained of pain, and specifically pain to his right wrist, he said, "No."

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IAB investigators showed Deputy Ortiz a video of the arrest of Suspect Jaafar **[Exhibit D/Video/UOF]**. After he viewed the video, Deputy Ortiz stated after Suspect Jaafar was taken down, he was placed onto his back. In that position, Suspect Jaafar's left wrist was handcuffed, and he was rolled onto his stomach where his right hand was eventually handcuffed.

Deputy Ortiz stated the force he used was not enough to cause a bone to fracture, and did not know what may have caused it.

Three screenshots of the video were used during Deputy Ortiz's interview **[Exhibit J]**.

Deputy Ortiz identified himself in one of the screenshots, and he identified the wooden sticks in the other screenshot.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE DEPUTY DANIEL SMITH

Deputy Smith was working Unit 31B, PM shift, on June 14, 2018, with Deputy Ortiz as his partner. Deputy Smith heard Deputy [redacted] on the radio ask for a unit to respond to the location ([redacted] 110th Street, Los Angeles) to assist them. When Deputy Smith arrived, he spoke to Deputy [redacted] who informed him they were dealing with a mental patient (Suspect Jaafar), who was wanted for a felony vandalism crime. Deputy Smith saw two civilians talking to Sergeant Jones, and later learned they were social workers, who were there checking on Suspect Jaafar's welfare.

Deputy [redacted] also informed him Suspect Jaafar made some type of threats to the social workers, but Deputy [redacted] did not provide details about the threats. While Deputy Smith was standing in the driveway, in front of Suspect Jaafar's house, he heard Suspect Jaafar make several incoherent statements from inside. He also heard Suspect Jaafar say he would not allow them to approach him, and repeatedly said not to get near him. Suspect Jaafar said if they were going to detain and handcuff him, he would fight with them (deputy personnel).

When IAB investigators asked Deputy Smith if there was a plan created to contact Suspect Jaafar, he said there was. Before making contact, a MET deputy was requested to respond to the location in order to gain Suspect Jaafar's cooperation to be taken to be mentally evaluated. While they were waiting for the MET unit's arrival, Sergeant Jones formulated a tactical plan to contact and detain Suspect Jaafar. He recalled a deputy was assigned as the contact deputy, another was assigned as the less lethal force option, another deputy was assigned as the lethal force option, and there was an arrest deputy. Deputy Smith was assigned as a less lethal force option, specifically the 40 mm baton launcher.

MET Deputy Pena arrived and Deputy Smith was hoping Deputy Pena would be able to convince Suspect Jaafar to surrender peacefully, without any incident. Deputy Smith, Deputy Pena, and the group of deputies stood in the driveway, in front of Suspect Jaafar's house. When Deputy Pena began calling out to Suspect Jaafar, Deputy Smith heard Suspect Jaafar yelling from inside to get away from his house and to not touch him. Deputy Pena was not able to make any connection or progress with Suspect Jaafar.

At one point, Suspect Jaafar stood on the front steps to his house and cursed at them. Sergeant Jones directed the deputies to enter the residence to arrest Suspect Jaafar. Deputy Smith recalled Deputy Ortiz entering first, followed by Deputies [redacted] and Torres. Deputy Smith followed the third deputy inside and believed Sergeant Jones was behind him (Deputy Smith). By the time he entered the living room, the group of deputies in front of him were already making their way into the nearby bedroom.

When IAB investigators asked Deputy Smith if he ever saw Suspect Jaafar pick up any kind of stick or weapon, he said he did not. When Deputy Smith entered the bedroom, he could see the deputies trying to control Suspect Jaafar. He saw Deputy Torres trying to control Suspect Jaafar's right arm and Deputy [redacted] trying to control his torso. Deputy Smith saw Suspect Jaafar resist their efforts by thrashing his body from side to side, and pulling away from their grasps.

Deputy Smith saw Deputy Ortiz fall backwards and Suspect Jaafar fall on top of him (Deputy Ortiz). Deputy Ortiz was laying on his back, on the floor, facing up, while Suspect Jaafar was laying on top of Deputy Ortiz, also facing up. Deputy Smith saw Deputy Ortiz roll onto his side and placed Suspect Jaafar onto his stomach. Deputy Smith handcuffed Suspect Jaafar's right wrist while Deputy Torres handcuffed the left wrist. Suspect Jaafar slightly resisted the efforts to be handcuffed. Suspect Jaafar resisted by straightening his arms out to his sides. Deputy Smith stated it was not difficult to handcuff him.

When IAB investigators asked Deputy Smith if there were any verbal commands given to Suspect Jaafar, he said there were repeated commands given. Although he could not recall the exact verbiage, he remembered the group of deputies repeatedly asked Suspect Jaafar to comply.

Deputy Smith stated that at the time they entered the house and detained Suspect Jaafar, he (Suspect Jaafar) was only wearing a bath towel. During the struggle, the towel came off leaving Suspect Jaafar nude. Deputy [redacted] attempted to place a pair of pants on him, but Suspect Jaafar continued to thrash his body while on the floor. Deputy Smith believed Suspect Jaafar would kick both him and Deputy [redacted]. Deputy Smith saw Suspect Jaafar thrashing and kicking his legs, while Deputy [redacted] tried to control the legs. Deputy Smith placed his hobble device around Suspect Jaafar's ankles, while Deputy [redacted] controlled the legs. Once the hobble was in place, Suspect Jaafar appeared to calm down.

Deputy Smith heard Suspect Jaafar complain of pain to one or both of his wrists because one of the handcuffs were on too tight. Deputy Torres immediately loosened it. Deputy Smith heard Deputy Ortiz ask Suspect Jaafar what he was going to do with the stick. Suspect Jaafar replied he was going to "slaughter you guys." Deputy Smith clarified and said he remembered seeing a stick on the living room floor when he first entered the house. The stick was on the floor, up against the wall that divided the kitchen and the living room. When IAB investigators showed Deputy Smith an image of a wooden stick found at the scene, he identified it as being the one he saw upon entering the residence.

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IAB investigators showed Deputy Smith a video of the arrest of Suspect Jaafar **[Exhibit D/Video/UOF]**. After he viewed the video, it refreshed his memory and recalled that

after Suspect Jaafar was taken to the floor, he was placed onto his back with his arms out to his sides. Suspect Jaafar was then rolled onto his stomach where he was eventually handcuffed.

Before ending the interview, IAB investigators asked Deputy Smith if there was any portion of the force he used or witnessed that would cause a fracture to a bone. He said there was no action at all that would lead anyone to believe the fracture was caused by the force they used.

Two screenshots of the video were used during Deputy Smith's interview **[Exhibit K]**. Deputy Smith identified himself in one of the screenshots, and he identified the wooden stick in the other screenshot.

EMPLOYEE WITNESS SERGEANT MITCHELL JONES

Sergeant Jones was working as a field supervisor, unit 30S, PM shift, on June 14, 2018. Sergeant Jones responded to [redacted] 110th Street, Los Angeles, and contacted two civilian mental health caseworkers, Ms. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] Mr. [redacted] told him Suspect Jaafar was a client of their program. The program provided Suspect Jaafar psychiatric help and living assistance. Mr. [redacted] informed Sergeant Jones that Suspect Jaafar had been previously diagnosed with schizophrenia and has a history of violence.

Earlier that day, while Mr. [redacted] and Ms. [redacted] were checking on Suspect Jaafar's welfare, he assaulted him (Mr. [redacted]). Mr. [redacted] told Sergeant Jones when he was speaking to Suspect Jaafar at the front door to his residence, Suspect Jaafar became upset, went into the residence, and came back with a wooden stick in his hand. Mr. [redacted] said Suspect Jaafar exited the house and held the stick in a menacing manner. Mr. [redacted] walked away from him and down the driveway to get away from him. Mr. [redacted] told Sergeant Jones they wanted Suspect Jaafar to be placed on a seventy-two hour mental evaluation hold.

Sergeant Jones directed the deputies, who were on scene, to request a MET deputy to respond to the location to assist them in gaining Suspect Jaafar's cooperation. While they waited for the unit to arrive, Sergeant Jones learned Suspect Jaafar was a named suspect to a felony vandalism. Suspect Jaafar had vandalized a neighbor's vehicle, causing enough damage for a felony charge. The plan was to have the MET unit gain Suspect Jaafar's cooperation to be detained. If unsuccessful, Suspect Jaafar would be taken into custody for the vandalism and the assault he committed on Mr. [redacted] Sergeant Jones informed IAB investigators Mr. [redacted] was non-desirous of charging Suspect Jaafar for the assault with the wooden stick he articulated earlier.

When MET Deputy Pena arrived, he attempted to speak to Suspect Jaafar, who was inside his house with the front door closed. Sergeant Jones had previously formulated a plan of how they would take Suspect Jaafar into custody, if he would not submit on his own. He assigned deputies with less lethal and lethal force options, and others

deputies as an arrest team.

Sergeant Jones was able to observe Suspect Jaafar's behavior. Suspect Jaafar was hostile as he spoke and at times would speak irrationally. Suspect Jaafar would ramble and accuse people of killing his daughter, and at one point he told them, "You can kill me."

When IAB investigators asked Sergeant Jones if he recorded the video that was provided to IAB by Lieutenant Norman, he said he did. He utilized a Department video camera and recorded Suspect Jaafar's arrest and the watch commander interviews at the hospital.

Deputy Pena was unable to gain Suspect Jaafar's cooperation. When Suspect Jaafar stood in the threshold of the front door to his house, he retreated inside. It was at this point Sergeant Jones directed the deputies to enter the house to arrest Suspect Jaafar.

The deputies entered first and he followed behind them. By the time he entered the house, the deputies and Suspect Jaafar had moved into a bedroom. Sergeant Jones saw Deputies [redacted], Ortiz, and Torres grab a hold of Suspect Jaafar in order to control him. Sergeant Jones could not recall what each deputy did and/or what body part they were controlling. Suspect Jaafar was eventually taken down to the floor by Deputy Ortiz using his body weight. Sergeant Jones said he did not see any of the deputies punch Suspect Jaafar.

When Suspect Jaafar was on the floor, the deputies handcuffed him and applied a hobble restraint around his ankles. Suspect Jaafar did not comply with the deputies and resisted their efforts to be handcuffed. Sergeant Jones could not recall if Suspect Jaafar was kicking his legs. He did see Suspect Jaafar move his legs about, before the hobble was applied. Once Suspect Jaafar was handcuffed and hobbled, Suspect Jaafar complained of pain to his left wrist because the handcuff was on too tight. The handcuffs were immediately loosened by deputies.

Suspect Jaafar was transported to the hospital to be medically cleared for booking. It was then Sergeant Jones was informed by medical staff Suspect Jaafar had a fractured wrist. When the doctor informed Sergeant Jones of the fracture, he asked her if the fracture was recent or older. The doctor could not tell. Sergeant Jones informed IAB investigators the reason why he asked the doctor for the age of the fracture was because he recalled speaking to Mr. [redacted] at the scene, earlier that day. During the conversation, Mr. [redacted] said Suspect Jaafar had a previous injury. When IAB investigators asked Sergeant Jones if Mr. [redacted] provided any details about Suspect Jaafar's previous injury, he said he did not. Mr. [redacted] did not indicate what type of injury or the location of the injury.

Suspect Jaafar complained to the hospital staff of pain to his right wrist, right torso, and the left side of his chest.

IAB investigators showed Sergeant Jones the video of the arrest of Suspect Jaafar **[Exhibit D/Video/UOF]**. After viewing the video, Sergeant Jones confirmed he recorded the video with a Department video camera. He did not add any additional information. He said the video depicted everything that occurred during the arrest. When IAB investigators asked Sergeant Jones if he recorded the three additional videos **[Exhibit D/Video/Hospital Interview]** of the watch commander interview at the hospital, he said he did.

EMPLOYEE WITNESS DEPUTY LUIS PENA

Deputy Pena was working as a unit from the Department MET, Unit H918W1. On June 14, 2018. Deputy Pena recalled responding to an address on 110th Street in Los Angeles. Deputy Pena was alone that day and did not have a partner or a clinician assigned with him.

When Deputy Pena arrived on scene, he was contacted by two civilian social workers (Ms. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted]), who informed him Suspect Jaafar may have had a mental breakdown. Deputy Pena was also contacted by a field sergeant (Sergeant Jones), who informed him that Suspect Jaafar committed an assault on one of the social workers, and a vandalism to a vehicle. When IAB investigators asked Deputy Pena if he ever spoke to Suspect Jaafar, he said he did and it was brief. Suspect Jaafar stepped outside his front door where they spoke for only a few seconds. At one point, Suspect Jaafar refused to speak to him and walked back into his house.

Deputy Pena described part of the conversation he had with Suspect Jaafar. Suspect Jaafar said he liked the police, but he did not want any police or mental health services. Suspect Jaafar told Deputy Pena he was upset the social workers wanted to place him on a "5150" hold.

Deputy Pena was unable to successfully communicate with Suspect Jaafar. Suspect Jaafar entered his house and closed the front security door. Sergeant Jones determined Suspect Jaafar needed to be taken into custody for the vandalism and assault, or detained for a mental evaluation. Deputy Pena walked away from the group of deputies and Sergeant Jones, toward the street to meet with the social workers.

When IAB investigators asked Deputy Pena if he witnessed any force at any time, he said he did not. Deputy Pena eventually entered the house, after the deputies made entry. When he entered the living room, all the deputies and Suspect Jaafar were in a nearby bedroom, out of view. Sergeant Jones handed him an Arwen and asked him to secure it in his patrol vehicle. Deputy Pena immediately took the Arwen, exited the residence, and secured the Arwen in Sergeant Jones' patrol vehicle.

IAB Note: **Although unit 34, Deputies Groves and Altamirano, were initially the handling unit to the call, it was determined they left the location prior to the force. According to the Incident Details Report [Exhibit A], unit 34 left the scene at 1405 hours.**

Furthermore, according to unit 34's log, it indicated tag #110 was their last call, and they logged off soon after clearing the call. The use of force was determined to have occurred at 1441 hours, according to the timestamp noted when Sergeant Jones requested the fire department to respond on Dispatch 12.

SUSPECT JAAFAR HASSAN STATEMENTS

On June 14, 2018, Sergeant Jones and Lieutenant Norman interviewed Suspect Jaafar at the Harbor UCLA Medical Center. The interview was video recorded by Sergeant Jones in three separate video clips. This portion of the summary was taken from **[Exhibit D/Video/Hospital Interview, Video/Hospital Interview 1, and Video/Hospital Interview 2]**.

In the first video clip **[Exhibit D/Video/Hospital Interview]**, when Lieutenant Norman contacted Suspect Jaafar, he immediately complained of pain to his right wrist because of the handcuff. He also complained of pain to his right shoulder. When Lieutenant Norman asked Suspect Jaafar what happened, he said he was having a long conversation with unspecified people at his residence, and he elected to go back inside to conduct his prayers and to shower. Suspect Jaafar said when people began knocking on his front door, he went to answer it, only wearing a bath towel. The deputies began speaking to him and eventually entered his house. They stripped the towel off of him, placed him on the floor nude, and injured his right shoulder and right wrist. When Lieutenant Norman asked Suspect Jaafar to explain how he was injured, he said it was when the deputies "put their hands" on him and placed their knees on his back. Suspect Jaafar was not more specific to Lieutenant Norman where on his body he was experiencing the pain. Sergeant Jones ended the video because the attending physician, Doctor Stephanie Lauw, began treating Suspect Jaafar.

In the second video clip **[Exhibit D/Video/Hospital Interview 1]**, Sergeant Jones started recording while Doctor Lauw began asking Suspect Jaafar questions if he was experiencing pain. He told Doctor Lauw he had pain to his right wrist because the handcuff was on too tight. He also complained of pain to his right shoulder. Although he never said the pain to his shoulder was a direct result of the force, it appeared he was indicating he was experiencing pain to the shoulder as a result of having his right hand handcuffed to the gurney, above his head, for an extended period of time. Suspect Jaafar continued to tell Doctor Lauw he was experiencing pain to his right rib cage, and to his heart.

Once Doctor Lauw finished treating Suspect Jaafar, Sergeant Jones began a third video clip **[Exhibit D/Video/Hospital Interview 2]** where Lieutenant Norman continued to interview him. Suspect Jaafar told Lieutenant Norman he was experiencing pain to his right shoulder because his right hand was handcuffed to the gurney, over his head, for over one hour. When Lieutenant Norman asked him if he had any other complaints of pain, he indicated to his left chest, underneath one of the gurney straps. When

Lieutenant Norman inspected the area, she noted there was nothing visible. Suspect Jaafar said the pain was underneath the skin, and said it was his heart. Suspect Jaafar said the pain to his heart was a result of the humiliation he was put through when he was placed on the floor nude.

Lieutenant Norman noted an abrasion to Suspect Jaafar's right torso, at the rib cage. The injury was video recorded. When Sergeant Jones asked Suspect Jaafar if he was taking any prescribed medication, he said he was too poor to afford any medication. Suspect Jaafar never articulated if he was prescribed any medication, but he said he was unable to purchase any. When Lieutenant Norman asked him if he was under the care of a psychologist or a psychiatrist, he said, "No." When Lieutenant Norman asked Suspect Jaafar if he had ever been diagnosed with a mental illness, he said, "No." Suspect Jaafar denied he had ever used any alcohol and or narcotics.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

On March 20, 2019, IAB investigators sent Suspect Jaafar's attending physician, Doctor Frances Crisostomo, a US Postal Certified Letter, seeking his cooperation to be interviewed. On March 22, 2019, another certified letter was sent to Suspect Jaafar's other attending physician, Doctor Stephanie Lauw. Neither physician responded to the letter to be interviewed as a potential witness, **[Miscellaneous Documents, Certified Letter Receipts]**.